Alternative road on the bank of Tindi in HP

†918.SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road from tribal district Lahaul-Spiti Udaipur towards Pangi-Kilad of Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh is under Boarder Road Organisation remain closed due to heavy snowfall causing obstruction in the movement of farmers from tribal areas and transportation of their cash crops;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to construct an alternative road on this route on the left bank upto Tindi; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no operational requirement for construction of an alternative road up to Tindi.

Cantonments in various States

†919. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of contonment areas in various States of the country;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from the residents of various cantonment areas;

(c) if so, the type of such complaints and the States from which these have been received alongwith the measures Government have taken to resolve the same; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There are 62 Cantonments located in 19 States of the country as per list enclosed at enclosed Statement (*See* Below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Complaints are received from residents of cantonment areas, from time to time on various subjects like the adequacy of civic amenities, better infrastructural requirements, quantum of property tax, grievance against staff. Efforts are made to mitigate the grievances of the residents. In-built mechanism is there in Cantonments Act, 1924 to appeal before the District Courts against the assessment of property by the aggrieved residents. In case of gross dereliction of duty by the staff, action is taken by the Cantonment Boards under the provisions of Cantonment Act, 1924 and Cantonment Fund Servants Rules, 1937 made thereunder.

Majority of the Cantonment Boards have framed Citizen's Charter and have set up Information and facilitation counters which are open to all Citizens. Since complaints are generally addressed by the complainants to the specific Cantonment Boards, no centralized details of such complaints received by the Cantonment Boards are maintained in the Ministry of Defence.

Statement

Cantonment areas in various States of the Country

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Cantonments in each State	Name of the Cantonment
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Secunderabad
2.	Bihar	1	Danapur
3.	Delhi	1	Delhi
4.	Gujarat	1	Ahmedabad
5.	Haryana	1	Ambala
6.	Himachal Pradesh	7	Bakloh Dagshai Dalhousie Jutogh Kasauli Khasyol Subathu
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	Jammu
8.	Jharkhand	1	Badamibagh
9.	Karnataka	1	Ramgarh
10.	Kerala	1	Belgaum
11.	Madhya Pradesh	5	Cannanore Jabalpur Mhow Morar Pachmarhi Saugor

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Cantonments in each State	Name of the Cantonment
12.	Maharashtra	7	Ahmednagar Aurangabad Dehu Road Deolali Kamptee Kirkee Pune
13.	Meghalaya	1	Shillong
14.	Punjab	3	Ferozpur Amritsar Jalandhar
15.	Rajasthan	2	Ajmer Nasirabad
16.	Tamil Nadu	2	Wellington St. Thomas Mount
17.	Uttar Pradesh	13	Agra Babina Allahabad Bareilly Faizabad Fatehgarh Jhansi Kanpur Lucknow Mathura Meerut Shahajhanpur Varanasi
18.	Uttaranchal	9	Almora Chakrata Clement Town Landour Dehradun Lansdowne Naintal Roorkee Ranikhet
19.	West Bengal	3	Barrackpore Labong Jalapahar
	TOTAL	62	